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MORROW COUNTY OFFICIAL PAPER

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THE PEER OF THEM ALL.

Another man has given his life to the cause of aviation, and this time the peer of all air navigators is the victim. Lincoln Beachey, the pioneer aeronaut of this country, began making balloon ascensions when he was 17 years old. He really grew up with the flying game, and later, when the dirigibles or airships supplanted the balloon, Beachey was the headliner of all the big attractions. Many people will recall his flights at the Lewis and Clarke exposition in Portland in 1905. Still later, Mr. Beachey began doing stunts with the air crafts of to-day, using the bi-plane mostly. About two years ago he made the announcement that he had made his last flight, but later, when the reports were being circulated of the wonderful success which Pegoud, the Frenchman was achieving in various "stunts," Beachey vowed that the foreigners could not beat the Americans in flying and he once more entered the game. This time he started the world with his wonderful mastery of his air craft. He "looped the loop" consistently, and also the perpendicular drop—the very thing which brought about his death. Lincoln Beachey fell to his death in San Francisco last Sunday, before a crowd of thousands of spectators. The cause of the fall is attributed to the weakness of the monoplane, a new one which Beachey was using for the first time. In the perpendicular drop, which he had done successfully many times before, the wings of the machine crumpled and the brave aviator was plunged with his machine turning end over end, into the waters of San Francisco Bay. It is estimated that he fell three thousand feet.

PAYROLL OF 13,000 NAMES.

Nearly \$26,000,000 was expended by the Oregon-Washington Railroad & Navigation Co. in the states of Washington, Oregon and Idaho during the year 1914, according to figures just compiled. The exact amount is \$19,735,703.73. The statement further shows that more than 13,000 names appear on the annual payroll and that between 55,000 and 75,000 persons are dependent on the operation of the Union Pacific system in the Northwest. For the year ending June 30, 1914, the O-W. R. & N. paid \$1,320,698.65 in taxes. In the three states \$5,042,425.71 was spent in the construction of new lines.

HEADS I WIN—TAILS YOU LOSE.

Here is a case where water users claim benefits and city refuses to accept rates made against it on its own complaint and demand for readjustment of the schedule.

On complaint of the City Council

of Salem the Salem Water, Light & Power Co. was overhauled for a year by the Public Utilities commission of Oregon, on a charge of unreasonable rates.

During the year of the investigation the affairs of the company were gone over by the experts, engineers, and at great expense a valuation of the property was ascertained and new rates established.

The rates fixed for Salem were a reduction of from fifteen to thirty per cent for water users, meter rates were kept about the same, and hydrant rates for the city were raised from \$1.82 to \$2.50 per month.

In lowering the rates to the consumer the Public Utility Commission had in mind increasing rates to the city to help make up the revenues lost to the water company by reductions to house holders and others.

The reduced rates are accepted by the whole city and are very much appreciated, but the first time the city has a bill to pay for fire protection under the new hydrant rate the commission findings are repudiated.

While the investigation was pending the city council adopted a resolution and filed it with the Utility Commission that if the hydrant rates were raised or lowered in making equitable rates to private users the city would be bound thereby.

Now the city attempts to ignore this and demands a legal construction of the matter before paying the advanced rates for hydrants.

HOME INDUSTRIES VERSUS STEEL TRUST.

In awarding bids for the construction of the Interstate bridge at Vancouver, there was a fight made for the home industries on the largest item of expenditure—the steel work.

The bridge proper across the Columbia River was awarded to the American Bridge Company, alias United Steel Products Co. of New York, alias the Pittsburg Steel Trust.

This award was made on a difference of \$80 against the Northwest Steel Co. of Portland and Vancouver, Wash., and the local company was given the bridge across the slough.

The big contract takes \$417,216.20 to the east for fabricated steel work that could have been made at home, and gives the home concern \$89,140 for a few bents across the slough.

The Northwest Steel Company was \$300 below on all the steel work for the approach and the main bridge, and Governor Withycombe of Oregon, made an appeal to give all the work to home industry.

He was roundly applauded for his statement that this would mean the distribution of more than \$200,000 in wages at Portland for high grade skilled labor but it was of no avail.

The commission made up of the Multnomah and Clarke County commissioners seemed to have an idea that the recommendations of the Kansas City engineering firm were sacred.

This was a test case, where public officials had the right to reject any and all bids, had the right to group bids, and in some cases awarded bids to higher bidders, but sent the big payroll east on a bagatelle of \$89.

The 1915 Oregon Almanac is on our desk. This is the official pamphlet published by the State of Oregon for the information of homeseekers, settlers and investors, and put out by the Oregon State Immigration Commission. The present issue will no doubt be the last of this valuable work, as the appropriation for this commission was cut off by the last legislature and there will be no funds with which to do business. The Almanac is a valuable guide to the people looking for locations in the State of Oregon.

It's time to swat the fly.

WORLD'S GREATEST CATASTROPHES

In the Franco-Prussian war, 156,000 Frenchmen were killed, 143,000 were wounded and disabled. The Germans lost 28,000 dead and 101,000 wounded and disabled.

In the Russo-Japanese war the losses of the Japanese were about 170,000 killed and wounded; of the Russians about 400,000.

In our Civil war, which lasted four years, the Union forces lost, killed and wounded, 359,628, and in prisons and hospitals enough more to swell the total to 509,000 men. The Confederacy lost nearly as many more.

In the present war in Europe, taking the accounts from all the countries engaged, in the seven months since the war began, the losses are counted by millions. Last December the estimated loss of the Prussian army was 753,292 officers and men, beside half the Bavarian army had been put out of action, which with the losses in Saxony and Wurttemberg armies swelled the list of German losses in killed, wounded and missing to 2,000,000 men.

At the same time the estimate in Vienna was that the Austro-Hungarian army had lost about 1,500,000 men in killed, wounded and missing.

Two months ago it was estimated that the French had lost fully one-half of their soldiers. A month ago the estimated loss of the Russians was 700,000 men, and a Russian paper in December gave the loss in Russian commissioned officers at 33,000. Half of the Belgian army has been destroyed, more than half the army of Serbia, while it is known that at least three Turkish army corps have been wiped out. A month ago Premier Aquiluh said, in the House of Commons, that the British losses to date amounted to 104,000 men.

In the past two months there has been almost constant fighting, but no figures for the appalling losses are forthcoming.

The losses at sea have hardly been noted, but really more ships have been destroyed than in any previous war since the battle of Lepanto was fought and the great Armada was shattered.

When the war closes Europe will be as was Egypt, on that dreadful morning on which there was not a house in which there was not a dead.—Seaside Signal.

TWENTY MILLION WORDS.

If it be true that words were made to conceal thoughts, what an appalling amount of cogitation must have been hidden beneath the 20,000,000 of them emitted by the Congress which has just come to an end. And if we could but delve into the bowels of this verbal Vesuvius and learn the nature of the thoughts that are there so deeply entombed what a revelation it would be of purposes defeated, of hopes deferred, of ambitions quenched and of pride humbled. For it has been no secret that below its surface of submissive pliancy there has been a seething and a boiling that ever threatened to break through and start something. We have often wondered at this outward placidity and inward violence, but now we realize that it was the avalanche of words that kept it in subjection, an incessant, unremitting piling on of words that held the victim gasping breathlessly through all the days.

That is one of the deadly, or we might say, asphyxiating, qualities of words, and it is not at all necessary that they be words of wisdom. On the contrary it has long been observed that wisdom is found in words in inverse ratio to their quantity; that a multiplicity of words is almost certain evidence of a lack of sense. The fool," says Shakespeare, "has planted in his memory an army of good words." Pope expresses it in the

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<p>EMBROIDERIES A large selection of all kinds of Embroideries, Laces and Beadings at prices that will astonish you. We are getting in new shipments every day.</p>	<p>OVERALLS AND WORK PANTS \$4.00 corduroy work pants, at this sale for \$2.75 \$3.50 corduroy work pants, at this sale for \$2.48 \$3.00 corduroy work pants at this sale for \$1.98 Overalls and work pants, all \$1.00 to \$1.25 overalls, at this sale for 95c. 50c. work shirts, at this sale for 35c. 75c. work shirts, at this sale for 48c.</p>
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well-known couplet. Words are like leaves, and where they most abound, Much fruit of sense beneath is rarely found. And we are quite confident that Spenser was looking far ahead to the late but unlamented Congress when he wrote, Heaps of huge words uphoarded hideously With horrid sound, though having little sense. Yes, indeed, 20,000,000 words explains everything.—Globe Democrat. Symptoms of spring fever are sure to develop with such weather as we are now having. The Good Roads bee is buzzin.